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Oklahoma Man Convicted of Murdering Mother and 4-Year-Old Daughter in Long Beach

A 23-year-old man was found guilty today of killing a mother and her young daughter outside their home in Long Beach two years ago, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Jurors deliberated for about an hour before finding Brandon Ivan Colbert guilty of two counts of first-degree murder and one count of attempted murder. The panel also found true the special circumstance allegations of lying in wait and multiple murders.

Deputy District Attorney Cynthia Barnes of the Major Crimes Division prosecuted the case.

On Aug. 6, 2016, Carina Mancera, 26, was returning home with her 4-year-old daughter, Jennabel Anaya, and the girl's father, Luis Anaya.

Colbert hid behind a sign and opened fire on the family with a shotgun, killing Mancera and her daughter. Colbert also fired at Anaya who was not wounded.

DNA evidence found on a shotgun shell tied Colbert to the crime, the prosecutor said.

Sentencing is set for Feb. 2 in Department S22 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Long Beach. Colbert faces life in prison without the possibility of parole.

Case NA105286 was investigated by the Long Beach Police Department.

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